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Reviews the Administration Report of the Department of Co-operation for the year 1950-51.

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Letter No. 15322 C.S., dated the 15th January 1952, from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, forwarding the Annual Report in the working of the Department of Co-operation for the year 1950-51.

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Recorded.

Sri N. S. Hiranuayya, M.A., continued to be in charge of the Department up to 21st June 1951 when he was succeeded by Sri K. Thipperudriah, B.A., who continued to be in charge for the rest of the period under report.

Sri K. R. Marudeva Gowda, B.A., LL.B., Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bangalore City Division, continued to be in charge of the scheme of the Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies in the State during the year.

There were 5,130 societies at the beginning of the year, 128 societies were registered during the year. The Registration of 68 Societies was cancelled during the year. Thus there were 5,190 Societies at the end of the year, the net increase in number being 60 over that of the previous year.

PRIMARY SOCIETIES.

Agricultural.—The number of these Societies was 4,125 (4,161) excluding the 79 Land Mortgage Societies and one Land Mortgage Bank. Of these 2,629 were ordinary Credit Societies, 1,444 were Purchased and Sales Societies inclusive of 828 Rural Development Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies, 11 production and sales Societies, 16 production-*cum*-co-operative Farming Societies and 25 Grain Banks with a total membership of 2,88,581 (2,82,680) and a total paid up share capital of Rs. 51,27,530 (Rs. 46,23,407) and working Capital of Rs. 1,02,49,100 (Rs. 91,98,394).

Non-Agricultural Societies.—The number of these societies at the end of the year was 973 (888) with a membership of 1,78,946 (1,58,550) and a paid up share capital of Rs. 67,68,314 (61,47,363). There were 611 Credit Societies, 855 Consumers Societies.

The Mysore Provincial Cotton Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society, Ltd., Bangalore and the Mysore Provincial Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society, Ltd., Bangalore, continued to do good work in distributing yarn to Handloom Weavers in the State and ameliorating the condition of Silk Weavers in the State.

There were 103 House Building Societies at the end of the year with a membership of 7,700 (7,578) and a paid up share capital of Rs. 4,62,532 (Rs. 4,02,858) and a total working capital Rs. 24,94,711 (Rs. 20,80,398).

The Mysore Provincial Co-operative House Building Corporation, Ltd., Bangalore, was started on 28th August 1950 with the object of concerting several measures not only for undertaking construction of houses but also for financing the housing enterprise through affiliated primary House Building Societies. It had a membership of 296 with a paid up share capital of Rs. 58,886.

Ladies Societies.—There were at the end of the year 40 (39) Ladies Societies with a total membership of 2,317 with a share capital of Rs. 37,397, of these, special mention may be made of the activities of the Hassan Ladies Co-operative Society, Kasturba Mahila Co-operative Society, Bangalore Aryabhaginiyara Co-operative Society, Mysore, Kolar Ladies Co-operative Society and Tumkur Ladies Co-operative Society.

Of the 18 Students Societies with a membership of 1,814 and paid up share capital of Rs. 10,653, special mention may be made of the continued good work of the University Engineering College Co-operative Society and Intermediate College Co-operative Society at Bangalore.

Among the Depressed Class Societies 143 in number, the Chiknaikanahalli Cobblers' Co-operative Society, the Doddasiddavvanahalli Adikarnataka Co-operative Society, the Malavalli Cobblers' Co-operative Society and Jalapuri Cobblers' Co-operative Society, Mysore City, were engaged in the manufacture of leather goods in addition to their banking transaction and did fairly good work during the year.

Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies.—There were at the end of the year 82 Taluk and 746 circle Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies with an aggregate membership of 179,706 and a paid up share capital of Rs. 29,98,877 and a total working capital of Rs. 46,08,535. The scheme of Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies continued to work satisfactorily during the year. The several concessions granted to the Societies by Government were ordered to be discontinued from 1st April 1952.

Land Mortgage Scheme.—The lending operations of the Mysore Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank was extended to all the taluks in the State. A Land Mortgage Co-operative Society was recently registered at Bhadravati during July 1951. The entire State is now included in the orbit of the Land Mortgage Scheme and there were 79 primary Land Mortgage Societies functioning in 82 taluks.

Co-operation in Malnad.—At the end of the year there were 1,133 (1,251) Societies including 20 Land Mortgage Societies in the Malnad with a membership of 86,686 (99,140) and a share capital of Rs. 21,13,599 (Rs. 17,28,165) and working capital of Rs. 83,79,445 (Rs. 62,13,469). The net profits earned during the year amounted to Rs. 2,38,683 (Rs. 1,89,691).

Co-operative Farming.—During the year under report, Government of India have approved of an expenditure of Rs. 2,20,000 as grants-in-aid to Co-operative Farming Societies under the Food Bonus Scheme for 1950-51, for utilisation towards farming operations. This expenditure includes the grant of Rs. 1 lakh originally sanctioned at the rate of Rs. 25,000 per unit to 4 units of Co-operative Farms consisting of 6 Co-operative Farming Societies. Grants at the rate of Rs. 10,000 per Co-operative Farm have been made to 6 other Co-operative Farming Societies and the balance of Rs. 60,000 was earmarked for expenditure under bull-dozer and tractor servicing. At the end of the year, there were 16 Co-operative Farming Societies with a membership of 875 and a paid-up share capital of Rs. 9,067 and working capital of Rs. 1,69,500 inclusive of Government subventions. Lands to the extent of nearly 2,200 acres have been brought under cultivation and the value of total yield amounted to Rs. 46,460. They earned a net profit of Rs. 7,680 during the year.

Disputes and Litigation.—The total number of disputes including those pending at the beginning of the year was 2,457 (3,115) of those 1,708 were disposed of, and 749 disputes were pending disposal at the end of the year. The disposal of disputes during the year worked out to 69·4 per cent of the total number that had to be disposed of as against 67·2 per cent in the previous year. Twelve thousand nine hundred and thirty-five decisions were pending execution at the beginning of the year. One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five decisions were sent for execution during the year. There were in all 14,870 decisions were pending execution during the year of which 2,809 decisions were executed during the year as against 2,234 during the previous year leaving 12,061 decisions under execution at the close of the year. It is necessary that steps should be taken for the early execution of the large number of pending decisions.

Cost of Administration.—The expenditure for the administration of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 4,83,263. The Co-operative Societies spent Rs. 16,00,129 on account of their establishment charges. The expenditure incurred by Government works out to Rs. 93·1 per society, 15·4 annas per member and 10·2 pies per head of population.

General.—The Registrar of Co-operative Societies toured for 138 days and visited 120 societies during the year.

The 37th Mysore Provincial Co-operative Conference was held during December 1950 at Mysore under the auspices of the Mysore Provincial Co-operative Institute, presided over by Sri K. L. Punjabi, I.C.S., Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi. The International Co-operative Day was celebrated in a befitting manner throughout the State on 1st November 1950.

The working of the Department during the year was satisfactory.

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